

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 51**

Short Title: Even-Year Elections/Town of Trent Woods. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Sanderson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 4, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF TRENT WOODS SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED IN 2019 BY ONE YEAR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Charter of the Town of Trent Woods, being Chapter 718 of the 1959 Session Laws, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 947 of the 1989 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. That certain area of Craven County, North Carolina, described in Section 2 below is hereby incorporated under the name "Trent Woods" and the same is hereby created a body politic and corporate; and shall hereafter possess all of the corporate powers and be subject to all of the provisions contained in Chapter 160 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except that it shall have no power to levy or collect taxes of any kind whatever.

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~~"Sec. 3. The officers of said municipality shall consist of a mayor and three commissioners.~~  
**Regular Municipal Elections.** In 2022, regular municipal elections shall be held in each even-numbered year in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina.

~~"Sec. 4. Until their successors shall be elected and qualified pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 160, Article 3, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following persons shall be and are hereby constituted the officers of said town, to wit: Mayor, George R. Scott; Commissioners, C. Stroud Tilley, George T. Burnette, Jr., and G. C. Honeycutt.~~  
**Election of Mayor and Commissioners.** The officers of the Town shall consist of a mayor and three commissioners elected to serve two-year terms and until their successors are elected and qualified. In 2022, and biennially thereafter, the Mayor and three commissioners shall be elected to serve two-year terms.

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**SECTION 2.** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Trent Woods in 2021. The two-year terms of the Mayor and three commissioners elected in 2019 are extended by one year until 2022. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Trent Woods in 2022.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

